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For: **BINDER FOR USE IN ELECTROLYTE OF LITHIUM ION SECONDARY CELL
AND USE THEREOF**

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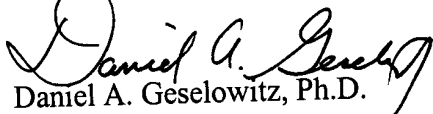
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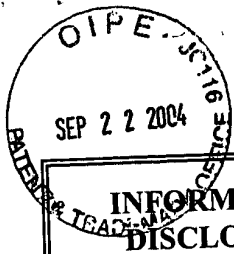
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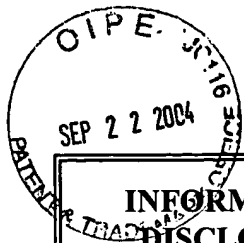
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